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## ANSWER HAS BEEN GIVEN TO SPAIN.

President McKinley States the Terms by Which the War Can Be Terminated.

## NO INDEMNITY WILL BE EXACTED.

Spain Must Cede to the United States All Her Islands In the West Indies, Except Cuba.

## CUBA TO BE AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC.

A Joint Commission to Be Appointed to Decide What is to Be Done With the Philippine Islands.

Washington, July 30.—The answer of the United States to Spain's proposal for peace has been determined upon and drafted and delivered to M. Cambon. The question which was left open as to the Philippines was settled by leaving the government of the islands to a decision of a joint commission under certain broad conditions to be required of Spain, one of these conditions being protective of American life.

The commission is to be appointed by the United States and Spain, the United States in the meanwhile to exercise control and jurisdiction over Manila, its harbor and the immediately surrounding territory.

The answer of the United States was submitted to M. Cambon at 2 o'clock this afternoon to be forwarded by him. The full terms will not be given to the public until after it reaches the Spanish government. With regard to other questions than the Philippines the situation is: Absolute cession to the United States of Porto Rico and all islands in the West Indies, save Cuba.

The relinquishment by Spain of sovereignty in Cuba. The United States to exercise control there until a stable government has been established. Acquisition of a coaling station in Ladrones islands and the Carolines. No assumption of Spain's Cuban or Porto Rican debts by the United States. No war indemnity from Spain.

It is understood that the Spanish-American commission is to have charge of the entire question of the terms of peace on the condition that Spanish troops be removed immediately.

The American reply distinctly gives warning that the proposition as to the surrender of all sovereignty in the West Indian waters and the selection of an island of the Ladrones are beyond any discussion whatever. As to the Philippines the reply says in substance that as further indemnity to the United States for its expenses the United States is to hold the city of Manila, its bay and harbor, pending the determination of the future government of the whole island group. One island of the Ladrones group is to be ceded to the United States, this government to make its selection later. In demanding the surrender of Spanish sovereignty in all our nearby waters the reply diplomatically avoids making any pledges as to what is to be done by this government as to Cuba.

## NATIVE AND BRITISH SUBJECTS ARE ALARMED.

They Do Not Want the United States to Let Spain Have Control of the Philippines.

London, July 30.—Natives of the Philippines and British subjects who have interests there are alarmed by the reports that peace terms include the return of those islands to Spain. As a result they have held a meeting here and after consultation with the Philippines in France and Belgium have cabled to President McKinley and to Senator Davis, chairman of the foreign relations committee. The message to the president is as follows:

"The Filipinos in Europe pray you not to abandon the Philippine islands for the sake of peace with Spain. Our loyalty and trust in the honor of America entitle us to your consideration and support. To hand over our country again to Spain is contrary to the humanitarian proceedings of your noble nation and the wish of all classes. Civilization, trade and order all will be lost if Spanish authority is reestablished

in any form."

The message to Senator Davis says: "A castiron agreement binding Spain to form a government satisfactory to the inhabitants is preposterous. To retain her sovereignty means deception, oppression and bigotry. We placed our rights in your hands and pray you to induce the president and senate not to abandon in the hour of peace a people, who trusting in American honor, fight for their common interests."

## MORE PARTICULARS ABOUT THE CAPTURE.

General Miles Tells How Ponce Gave Up and Welcomed the American Soldiers.

Washington July 30.—The results thus far achieved by General Miles and Captain Higginson, in command of the naval squadron, in the occupation of Porto Rico, have created a feeling of intense satisfaction among officials of the administration. The following was received from General Miles after the capture of Port Ponce:

"Port Ponce, Porto Rico, via St. Thomas, July 29.—Secretary of War, Washington: On the 26th Garretson had a spirited engagement on skirmish lines. Our casualties, four wounded, all doing well. Spanish loss, three killed and 18 wounded. Yauco occupied yesterday. Henry's division is there today. Last evening Commander Davis of the Dixie moved into this port, followed by Captain Higginson with his fleet early this morning. General Wilson with Ernest's brigade is now rapidly disembarking. Spanish troops are retreating into southern part of Porto Rico.

"Ponce and port have a population of 60,000 now under the American flag. The populace received the troops and saluted the flag with wild enthusiasm. The navy has several prizes, also 20 lighters. Railway stock partly destroyed now restored. Telegraph communication has also been restored. Cable instruments destroyed. Have sent to Jamaica for others. This is a prosperous and beautiful country. The army will soon be in the mountain region; weather delightful; troops in the best of health and spirits; anticipate no insurmountable obstacles in future. Results thus far have been accomplished without the loss of a single life."

"In the affair of the 26th, Captain Edward J. Gilson, company A, was wounded in left hip. Captain J. H. Prior, company L, slightly wounded in hand. Private James Drummond, company K, two wounds in neck and Private Benjamin F. Boshiek, company L, slightly wounded in right arm. All of the Sixth Massachusetts. All are doing well.

"The Spanish retreat from this place was precipitous, they leaving rifles and ammunition in barracks and 40 or 50 sick in hospitals. The people are enjoying a holiday in honor of our arrival.

"The Sixth Massachusetts and Sixth Illinois went to Porto Rico on the Dixie."

"While nothing definite is known to the war officials yet of General Miles' plans for the immediate future, the statement in his dispatch that the troops will soon be in the mountain country is taken to mean that he proposes rapidly to push on toward San Juan. It is expected that the Spanish forces will offer no vigorous opposition to the United States troops until San Juan is reached. There the great battle in the capture of the island will be fought unless meantime Spain should conclude to yield to the inevitable.

Will Oppose Giving Up Porto Rico.

London, July 30.—The Madrid correspondent of The Daily Mail says:

"The Spanish government will combat to the last a cession of Porto Rico to the United States. It would much rather sacrifice one of the Philippine islands, contending that Porto Rico has always been loyal and outside the scope of the war."

"Apparently there is little objection to ceding a coaling station in the Philippines, provided Spanish sovereignty is respected in the island which, in the opinion of official and government circles generally, will afford compensation for the loss of the Antilles, besides procuring occupation for the West Indian army in reestablishing Spanish rule."

Starving at Havana.

New York, July 30.—A dispatch from Key West says hunger is claiming many victims, rich and poor, in Havana. Since the extended blockade has closed the ports of Sagua la Grande, Nipe and Ratanam, no provisions have entered the Cuban capital, and General Blanco's scanty store in the warehouse has been exhausted.

Bread riots have already begun. Two brothers, bakers, were killed by a mob for defending two dozen loaves.

Charity is dead, because the wealthy themselves are in need of assistance.

Whites and Blacks Are at Odds.

Springfield, Ills., July 30.—Friction between the Eighth regiment (colored)

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